(d) whether any foreign agency is investing in these refineries; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Indian Oil Corporation has in principle approval to set up a 6 MMTPA joint venture refinery in the East Coast.

(b) and (c) As per initial estimates, IOC's refinery project is expected to cost around Rs. 3031 crores (June 1992 prices). IOC expects to mobilise the funds partly from internal resources and partly from external resources. The external resources will be through public deposits, medium term financing and foreign borrowings.

(d) and (e) Interest was shown by some foreign companies like M/s. Oman Oil Company, Bermuda, International Petroleum Investment Company, Abu Dhabi, Kuwait Petroleum Corporation, Kuwait, Petronas, Malaysia for participation as Joint Venture partner.

Gas Pipeline between India and Oman

6790. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pipeline is proposed to be laid between Oman and India;

(b) whether the project is in doldrums because of the high gas price quoted by Oman Oil Company;

(c) whether there is a proposal to form a joint venture by Oman Oil Company with Enron Corporation of US for this project; and

(d) what is the present stage of negotiations in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) A proposal for a gas pipeline from Oman to India has been received from the Oman Oil Company. The terms including price for supply of gas is being discussed.

(c) and (d) The Government is not aware of any such proposal.

NRIs and Multi-Nationals for Oil Drilling in India

6791. SHRI MATANG SINH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of NRIs and multi-national companies which have applied for permission for oil drilling in India;

(b) the details of the companies which have been granted permission during the last one year and the broad terms and conditions thereof; and

(c) by when these companies would start commercial production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) The number of NRIs and multinational companies which have submitted their bids in the various exploration/development rounds offered so far are given below:—

Round of bidding	Number of NRIs/ multinational companies which have submitted the bids
4th exploration round	21
5th exploration round	5
6th exploration round	9
1st offer of discovered fields	22
2nd offer of discovered fields	11

(b) Government has approved award of contracts to companies as per the following details:

Fourth Round of Exploration:

1. Consortium of Hindustan Oil Exploration Company (HOEC) and Mafatlal Industries, both of India.

2. Consortium comprising of M/s Albion International Resources, Inc. of USA, Coplex Resources Limited of Australia, M/s Overseas Exploration Corporation of USA and Hindustan Oil Exploration Company of India.
3. Consortium Comprising of M/s Pan Energy Resources of USA, Coplex Resources Ltd. of Australia, Pan Pacific Petroleum NL of Australia and Trans Asia Consultants of India.
4. Shell International, Netherlands.
5. Consortium of HOEC of India, Vaalco Energy Inc. of USA and Tata Petrodyne of India.

Ist offer of discovered fields:

Medium-sized fields:

1. A consortium of Enron Exploration Company of USA and Reliance Industries of India.
2. A consortium of Command Petroleum, Australia, Videocon International, India and Marubeni Corporation, Japan.

Small-sized fields:

1. Gujarat State Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd. (GSPCL), Ahmedabad.
2. Selan Exploration Technology Ltd., New Delhi.
3. Larsen & Toubro, Bombay-Joshi Technologies, USA.
4. Interlink Geofizika, Baroda.
5. Hindustan Oil Exploration Company (HOEC), Baroda-Mosbacher Energy Company, USA-Petrodyne Inc., USA.
6. HOEC, Baroda, Petrodyne, USA-GSPCL, Ahmedabad.

The exploration contracts would be production-sharing contracts with a contract period, in case of crude oil and associated gas, of upto '25 years. Companies are exempted from payment of bonuses and statutory levies. The Government .of India would have the first right of refusal in respect of the oil produced urdu these contracts, with companies being paid for their share of oil at international price. Provision for participation by ONGC/OIL in the venture at the exploration and/or the development stage has been made and ONGC/OIL could have a participating interest of 30% to 40% in the venture. Provisions have also been made for the development of commercially exploitable natural gas resources.

The medium-sized fields are to be developed by the private companies in joint venture with ONGC/OIL while the small-sized fields would be developed by private companies on their own without any participation by ONGC/OIL. These fields are to be developed under the production-sharing arrangements with statutory levies like royalty and cess being payable.

(c) The quantity of oil likely to be extracted would depend upon the size of commercial discovery of hydrocarbons in case of exploration blocks and on the extent of reserves and work programme implemented for exploiting medium/small sized fields.

Supply of petrol, kerosene and diesel to States

6792. SHRI MATANG SINH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of petrol, diesel and kerosene being supplied to each State at present;

(b) the demand and supply of these items during 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93;